

CASE: 1201

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

28 October 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "COMBAT ACTIONS OF THE VIETNAM PEOPLES AIR FORCE 1965-1972." LINE ENTRY #173 POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1201-0-01 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 4)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1203-0-01 (ACCNO 5539) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LAPLANT, KURT ELTON Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

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|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | |
| Service | MARINE CORPS | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | E3 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 66 in / 1.68 mtrs | Weapon No | |
| Birth date | | Weight | 155 lb / 70.2 kg | Duty pos | PASSENGER |
| Home State | | Religion | | PW Camp | |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXD877334
Lat/Long: 163436N / 1064534E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: HUONG HOA
Mission Date: 6 Jun 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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| Vehicle Type: CH46A | Serial: @ |
| Crash Type: Enemy action | Engine Type: T58GE |
| Call Sign: @ | 1 Serial: |
| Year: \$ | 2 Serial: |

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1203-0-02 (ACCNO 5275) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: BURGARD, PAUL E Date Status assigned: 18 May 1973

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|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | |
| Service | MARINE CORPS | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | E2 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 68 in / 1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | |
| Birth date | | Weight | 141 lb / 63.9 kg | Duty pos | UNKNOWN |
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REFNO: 1203-0-03 (ACCNO 5426) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: HARPER, RALPH LEWIS Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

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| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | |
| Service | MARINE CORPS | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | E3 | Hair | BLOND | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 74 in / 1.88 mtrs | Weapon No | |
| Birth date | | Weight | 176 lb / 79.7 kg | Duty pos | PASSENGER |
| Home State | | Religion | | PW Camp | |

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REFNO: 1203-0-04 (ACCNO 5634) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: PALACIOS, LUIS FERNANDO Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

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| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | |
| Service | MARINE CORPS | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | E3 | Hair | | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 66 in / 1.68 mtrs | Weapon No | |
| Birth date | | Weight | 189 lb / 85.6 kg | Duty pos | PASSENGER |
| Home State | ARKANSAS | Religion | | PW Camp | |

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REFNO: 1203-0-05 (ACCNO 5772) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: SANCHEZ, JOSE RAMON Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

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|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | |
| Service | MARINE CORPS | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | E2 | Hair | BROWN | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BROWN | Weapon | |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 68 in / 1.73 mtrs | Weapon No | |
| Birth date | | Weight | 119 lb / 53.9 kg | Duty pos | PASSENGER |
| Home State | | Religion | | PW Camp | |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

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CASE: 1203

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

27 June 1977

ON 6 JUNE 1968, LCPL KURT. E. LAPLANT, LCPL RALPH L. HARPER, LCPL LUIS F. PALACIDS, AND PVT JOSE R. SANCHEZ WERE ABOARD A CH46A HELICOPTER WHICH RECEIVED ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE, CRASHED, ROLLED DOWN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND BURNED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 877 334. THERE WERE TEN MARINES ON BOARD THIS HELICOPTER, THE REMAINS OF SIX OF THEM, INCLUDING THOSE OF PFC PAUL E. BURGARD, WERE RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED. CMC MESSAGE AUTHORIZED DROP OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON ENCLOSURE (2) OF CDR LETTER DTD 18 JUN 1973. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

=== REFERENCES ===

27 June 1977

REFERENCES: <1> LTR, CDR JCRC (JCRC-CDD-CR), 18 JUN 73. <2> EXTRACT, USMC MASTER COMPUTER LIST, PAGE 113, 155, 199, AND 229 AS OF 02 NOV 74. <3> CERTIFICATE OF DEATH, BURGARD, PAUL EDWARD. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

27 June 1977

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: KURT E. LAPLANT 1203-0-01, PAUL E. BURGARD 1203-0-02, RALPH L. HARPER 1203-0-03, LUIS F. PALACIS 1203-0-04, AND JOSE R. SANCHEZ 1203-0-05.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 15 JUL 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1203 IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IE3 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH SITE OF A LARGE TWO ROTOR HELICOPTER IN THE AREA. THE WITNESS DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT SURROUNDING THIS CASE; HOWEVER, DID KNOW THE LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. IE3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS, OBSERVING TWO LARGE PORTIONS OF ROTOR ASSEMBLY PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH A CH46 HELICOPTER. IE3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. THIS LOCATION DID NOT HOLD ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, WRECKAGE, OR THE PRESENCE OF REMAINS. BOTH SURVEYS CONDUCTED WERE VERIFIED USING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM. DURING THE SURVEYS NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND. (REF 4)

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| REFNO: 1203-0-01 (ACCNO 5539) | Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED | |
| Name: LAPLANT, KURT ELTON | Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973 | |
| Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit |
| Service MARINE CORPS | Sex MALE | Blood type |
| Grade E3 | Hair BROWN | Complexion |
| SSAN | Eyes BLUE | Weapon |
| Serial No DATA | Height 66 in / 1.68 mtrs | Weapon No |
| Birth date | Weight 155 lb / 70.2 kg | Duty pos PASSENGER |
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Name: BURGARD, PAUL E Date Status assigned: 18 May 1973

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REFNO: 1203-0-04 (ACCNO 5634)
Name: PALACIOS, LUIS FERNANDO

Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

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CASE: 1203

MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND. (REF 4)